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## BATTLE IS NOT YET WON AT TORREON

Villa Sends a Message Announcing That the Struggle is Not Yet Completed

## BUT SAYS HE EXPECTS TO OBTAIN A TRIUMPH

Message to Carranza States That Heavy Fighting is Still in Progress—Rebels Meeting Stubborn Resistance in a Canyon Which Forms Southern Railroad Exit From City—Huerta Says He Will Sacrifice Himself For Peace.

Juarez, Mexico, April 1.—Reports that Torreón had fallen were definitely denied by General Villa today. His telegram was based on a message of congratulations on the "fall" of Torreón despatched to him yesterday by Colonel Fidel Ayila, chief of arms of the garrison here. General Villa replied as follows:

Villa's Telegram.

"Gomez Fidel Ayila,

"Colonel Fidel Ayila,

"Defe de las Armas, Juarez,

"In reply to your message, I wish to state that while I have taken a part of the city of Torreón, the struggle is not yet completed. I expect to obtain a triumph of which I will advise you.

(Signed)

"GENERAL FRANCISCO VILLA,"

Little News From Torreón.

Details of the struggle received today were brief and showed that the relative positions of the contending forces have not changed to any extent in the last five days.

Whether the forces of General Juan Maas, marching to the relief of the federalists, have yet been engaged with the rebel general, Monclovia Herrera, to meet him, was not known. The rebels were reported to have received a trainload of the soldiers of General Maas blown up by dynamite.

STILL FIGHTING.

Carranza Receives a Message to That Effect From Villa.

Juarez, Mex., April 1.—Heavy fighting was in progress at Torreón today, according to a report received by General Carranza from General Villa tonight. The gist of the information received was that General Carranza's secretary, Alfredo Breceda, to the effect that the heaviest fighting was proceeding in a so-called canyon named Huachuca, the southern railroad exit from the city.

The canyon is said to be in reality a sort of basin formed by the proximity of three mountains. Through this basin two railroads run.

It is one of the most strongly fortified of the federal positions and General Breceda said that the rebels were meeting with unexpected stubborn resistance. It is reported that General Maas, with federal reinforcements, who has been reported at Saltillo, to the east of Torreón, is making a circuit to the south with the purpose, the rebels assume, of rejoining the Velasco forces in Huachuca.

Whether the intention of General Herrera is to intercept him has been engaged is not known, according to Senor Breceda. The rebels have cut the railroad between San Luis Potosi and Aguascalientes. This is 300 miles south of Torreón and is said to indicate the intention of the column of rebels intent on hindering the movements of the federalists.

GEN. MOORE ATTACKED.

Reports That Rebels Are Surrounding Him—Reinforcements Sent.

Mexico City, April 1.—General Javier de Mouri reported to the govern-

PROMINENT SHEFFIELD JUNIOR UNDER ARREST.

Charged With Assault Upon Engineer of Telephone Company.

New Haven, Conn., April 1.—Stanham Wood Nixon, of New York, a prominent junior in the Sheffield Scientific School at Yale, was arrested by Captain Donnelly of the detective bureau tonight charged with assaulting Edward M. Everett, chief engineer of the Southern New England Telephone Company, on October 22 last. Mr. Everett was walking home late at night when he was struck from behind with a club and rendered unconscious. It was thought at the time the motive was robbery.

On the night of the assault there was a student outbreak, during which bolts were hurled through windows of homes of prominent residents living near the scene of the attack. Detectives have been working quietly since last fall, but no definite clues developed until today when it is said several of the bolts were found in Nixon's room. Nixon then made a complete confession, according to the police. He said he had been drinking with other students, but otherwise gave no explanation of his act.

He is put on bonds of \$1,000 for a hearing tomorrow. News of the arrest caused a mild sensation at Yale, where he is one of the most popular students in college; a member of the varsity football squad, and a member of the Berzelius Society.

Nixon's father is Lewis Nixon, a prominent member of Tammany hall in New York, who succeeded Richard Croker as head of that organization. He is widely known as a ship builder. Mr. Nixon left New York for this city tonight upon receipt of news of his son's arrest.

BRYAN TO MAKE A CAMPAIGN SPEECH.

To Aid New Jersey Democratic Candidate For Congress.

Passaic, N. J., April 1.—Secretary of State Bryan will come to Passaic on Friday night to make two campaign speeches in behalf of James J. O'Byrne, democratic nominee for congress, according to an announcement made here tonight by Mr. O'Byrne. Dudley Field Malone, collector of the port of New York, also is expected to speak here on that night.

Mr. O'Byrne is a candidate to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Robert Bremner, who made a heroic fight against death from cancer. Republicans, progressives, and socialists, each have a candidate. The special election will be held next Tuesday.

## Cabled Paragraphs

French Torpedo Boat Sinks.

Toulon, France, April 1.—The French torpedo boat, La Espadoc, which was near Cape Lardier today and sank. The crew were rescued.

Goethals Becomes Governor.

Panama, April 1.—Col. George W. Goethals today became governor of the canal zone, in conformity to his wishes no ceremony marked the occasion.

Pauline Chase Undergoes Operation.

London, April 1.—Miss Pauline Chase, the actress, underwent an operation for appendicitis today. The attending surgeon said she had passed through the operation satisfactorily.

James Gordon Bennett Rallies.

London, April 1.—Late advices from Cairo reported that James Gordon Bennett had rallied tonight and that those who had been watching at his bedside were able to leave him for a time.

Jules Vedrines' Brother Killed.

Paris, France, April 1.—Emile Vedrines, a brother of Jules Vedrines, the famous French aviator, was killed in a fall while making a flight in his monoplane over the aviation field here today.

A TOTAL CAPITAL OF ABOUT \$100,000,000

Amount Available for Federal Reserve Banking System.

Washington, April 1.—The new federal reserve banking system will start business with a total authorized capital of about \$100,000,000 for all reserve banks, no matter how many institutions the government decides to set up. This fact became apparent tonight when figures were made public from all national banks responding to the last call of the comptroller of the currency, made March 4.

The total capital and surplus of the 7,494 national banks reporting was given at about \$1,788,000,000. Under must submit each national bank to the federal reserve system, the total would be about \$1,788,000,000. Only 7,495 national banks signified in the legal time their intention to enter the system, so the total would be somewhat less than the entrance into the system of state banks and trust companies will tend to increase the total. It is possible that with these institutions the total capital of all reserve banks will be near \$10,000,000.

The actual working capital of the reserve banks may reach only half this amount, for the law provides maximum subventions of only three-sixths of the total six per cent. The reserve board, the machine which will direct the system, however, is authorized to demand the payment of the other three-sixths.

MISSING GIRL RETURNS AFTER 24 HOURS ABSENCE

Tells Story of Being Kidnapped by Two Men.

New York, April 1.—Sixteen-year-old Jessie, returned from her home in Ridgefield Park, N. J., tonight, as quietly as she left it last night, after a disappearance of 24 hours, and a disappearance, arousing the townpeople to the extent that the school she attended was closed today to that the pupils might search for her. Her father, a daughter of Percy L. Wood, head bookkeeper in the Corn Exchange bank, said that he had been worrying over examinations that were to have been held in the school today.

Miss Wood walked unaccompanied down the road, entered her home and climbed the stairs to her room. There it appeared for a time, she did not comprehend the situation, and her family thought she was suffering with amnesia.

Two physicians examined and declared she had been kidnapped by two men near her home. Her story was that she had been taken to New York in an automobile, kept in a garage over night and that she escaped this morning and made her way back to Ridgefield Park, and a police investigation has been begun, as far as is known and it seems to regard the incident as closed.

WOTHERSPOON TO BE CHIEF OF STAFF.

Appointed to Succeed Major General Wood on April 22.

Washington, April 1.—Major General William W. Wotherpoon, now chief of staff of the army, has been selected to succeed Major General Leonard Wood as president of the National Association of Manufacturers, a position of honor and influence. General Wood will assume command of the eastern department, with headquarters at Governor's Island, New York.

The Nashville Sent to Santo Domingo.

Washington, April 1.—The Nashville, Tenn., steamer, the Nashville, was ordered today by Secretary Daniels to sail for Porto Plata, Santo Domingo, where conditions are reported as disturbed. The steamer is to be used for the purpose of transporting supplies to the Dominican republic, to succeed Provisional President Boidas, who were to have been held today and tomorrow, but they have been postponed to a date not yet fixed.

Bank Officials Indicted.

Naiches, Miss., April 1.—Investigation into the affairs of the First National bank, which closed October 30, 1913, resulted in the indictment here today of A. G. Campbell, president; S. H. Dowd, first vice president; and R. Lee Wood, second vice president, for conspiracy to defraud the bank of \$100,000.

Wholesale Grocers Fix Sugar Prices.

New York, April 1.—Sugar prices in New York are being fixed by the Wholesale Grocers' association of that state through the fixing of an arbitrary freight rate. It was testified today by J. P. Maxwell, manager of a Wheeling, W. Va., grocery firm, in the hearing of the government's dissolution suit against the American Sugar Refining company.

Postmistress Tyler Forced Out.

Norfolk, Va., April 1.—Miss Mattie R. Tyler, granddaughter of John Tyler, tenth president of the United States, today surrendered the Courtland, Va., post office, which she had held for 17 years, to E. A. Williams, appointed by Postmaster General Burdett from civil service. Miss Tyler today received orders to vacate. President Wilson has promised to inquire into her case.

## Action Delayed on Repeal Bill

SENATE COMMITTEE WON'T MEET THIS WEEK.

MOVE FOR HEARINGS

Administration Leaders Declare Purpose is to Cause Delay—May Have the Committee Discharged.

Washington, April 1.—The administration has delayed toll extension for American ships in the Panama canal which passed the house yesterday amid spectacular scenes, reached the senate today and was promptly referred to the committee on inter-oceanic canals without debate.

Senator O'Gorman, chairman of the canals committee, who is marshaling the anti-administration forces, announced today that he would call the committee on inter-oceanic canals for next Tuesday. Until that time no formal consideration of the repeal bill would be had.

Although friends of the canals committee had hoped to have the canals committee meet earlier, they decided to make no effort to induce Sen. O'Gorman to change his plans. They will insist, however, upon action with the committee on inter-oceanic canals gets down to work.

Won't Submit to Delay.

Senator Owen of Oklahoma, who will lead the fight in the committee for the administration, visited the White House early in the day and conferred with the president. Later he made the emphatic declaration that friends of the repeal bill would not submit to a delay in the committee.

The committee will be called to order today, but administration leaders declared that they would not submit to a delay in the committee.

Possibility of Hearings.

Senator O'Gorman has said repeatedly that there would be no unnecessary delay in the committee in considering the repeal bill, but he expected that requests will be made of him to grant hearings.

On this the committee may be forced to act, and it would be considered as a test on the real issue. Just how the committee stands is uncertain, both the administration and the opposition claiming a majority of one. An unfavorable report of the committee would be followed by a minority report and this would bring the controversy before the house.

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